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NAPLAN Provides Valuable Data For Catholic Schools

Thousands of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 at Catholic schools around the state will participate in NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) testing this week.

Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) fully supports the NAPLAN testing program, which provides staff with data to assist in ongoing student, school and system improvement.

According to CEWA Director Teaching and Learning, Gabrielle Doyle, the testing was one tool that, along with other valuable information available from schools, provided parents with insight into their child's progress.

"NAPLAN test results are a snapshot of student work on one day in one test," she said.

"NAPLAN testing provides students with an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge in spelling, reading, writing, grammar and punctuation, as well as numeracy."

"No one test could fully measure all aspects of a child's learning. NAPLAN test results are a valuable collection of data for whole year-groups across the state and nation in literacy and numeracy knowledge and ability," she said.

CEWA provides assistance to its schools through analysis programs that ensure each school is able to make the most of NAPLAN results, including any trends identified in the data for schools to focus on.

CEWA is committed to delivering a high quality Catholic education that supports all students in their spiritual, intellectual, social and emotional, physical and creative development. Preparing students to be confidently literate and numerate is an important part of this development, and NAPLAN testing is one way in which Catholic schools meet this need.

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